

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application.

Claims 10-15 have been allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 3.

Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claim 12 has been amended to correct the misspelling of the word "temperature."

Claims 16-32 have been added. Claim 16 is directed to the subject matter of claim 1 and claim 5. Claims 17-23 are directed to the subject matter of claims 2-4 and 6-9 (claim 18 also includes a recitation based on the disclosure on page 12). Claim 24 is a process claim. Support for claim 24 can be found on pages 2-3 of Applicants' specification and original claim 10. Claims 25-32 are directed to the subject matter of claims 2-9.

Claims 3, 5, and 6 have been objected to as allegedly being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Gonsalves et al., WO 02/073308 ("Gonsalves").

As stated above, claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 3. Applicants submit that claim 1 is not anticipated or obvious over Gonsalves. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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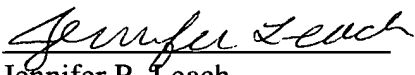
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